

REMARKS

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 26, 2004, in which Claims 25-34, 36-40, and 50-65 were rejected, Applicant has cancelled Claims 25-48 and 50-51. Claims 1-24 have previously been cancelled. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claim 49. Claims 52, 55, 61, 62, 63, and 65 have been amended to depend from allowed Claim 49. Accordingly, independent Claim 49 and the claims depending therefrom, Claims 52-65, are currently pending.

Claims 25-34, 36-40 and 50-65 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,001,505. In view of the cancellation of Claims 1-48 and 50-51 and the amendment of Claims 52, 55, 61, 62, 63 and 65, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is now moot and requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 25-28, 36-40, 50-54, 61, 63-65 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,004,693. In view of the cancellation of Claims 1-48 and 50-51 and the amendment of Claims 52, 55, 61, 62, 63 and 65, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is now moot and requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 25-28, 36, 50-54 and 61 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,664,994. In view of the cancellation of Claims 1-48 and 50-51 and the amendment of Claims 52, 55, 61, 62, 63 and 65, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection is now moot and requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and believes that the claims, as amended, are now in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner desires, Applicant is ready for a telephone interview to expedite prosecution. As always, the Examiner is free to call the undersigned at 816.460.2516. Should any fees be necessitated by this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

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